

Team Lackland Historian Trivia Answers for 2009

January 2009

The year was 1914 that the Signal Corps Aviation School at San Diego issued an order prescribing the first safety regulations, which required aviators to wear helmets and coats!

February 2009

- 1 Down = Mitchell
- 2 Down = PhuCat
- 3 Down = Johnson (Lyndon B. Johnson)
- 4 Across = fighting falcon

March 2009

The British Royal Air Force named their B-29's "The Washington" and the black bear that successfully tested the B-58 escape capsule was named "Yogi"

April 2009

The first, official, "Air Force One," was President Dwight Eisenhower's aircraft a VC-121 (Lockheed Constellation) he called Columbine III. Granted both Presidents Roosevelt and Truman flew ("Sacred Cow" and "Independence") the official call sign "Air Force One" did not come about until the Eisenhower administration.

May 2009

- 1. The monument is dedicated to all Air Force Military Training Instructors
- 2. Charles Furnas

January 2008

The correct answer: C. RB-57 Canberra

First flown in 1949, the US broke a long standing tradition and purchased the English aircraft design specifications to be manufactured for the Air Force. The US version of the modified English Electric Canberra first flew on 20 July 1953 and though the end of production in 1959, 403 Canberras saw service in the USAF.

February 2008

The correct answer: Benjamin Foulois

The question was off just as bit as General Mason Patrick was the first Chief of the Air Corps from 1921-1927. General Foulois was the third!

March 2008

The correct answer: B November 1942

A recruit detachment on Kelly Field moved over to the newly opened San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center in November 1942 and began training the first group of enlistees. This was the first time enlisted personnel were trained on what would soon become Lackland AFB and the premier training location for all Air Force enlisted personnel.

April 2008

The correct answer: DeForest Kelley

Born in Atlanta, Georgia 20 January 1920, Kelley enlisted and served in the US Army Air Service from 1943 to 1946. While he started out in a Navy training film, he did western films and other bits before his most notable role as Dr. Leonard McCoy on the TV series "Star Trek."

May 2008

The correct answer: Jimmy Carter

Jimmy Carter came to Wilford Hall Medical Center on 28 April 1980 to visit Airmen injured in the Iranian hostage rescue attempt.

June 2008

The correct answer: 1. Chowhall 2. honor 3. mailcall 4. reveille

July 2008

The correct answers:

314th Military Intelligence Battalion - F

344th Training Squadron - A

Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency - E

543rd Support Squadron - C

37th Comptroller Squadron - D

59th Laboratory Squadron - B

August 2008

The correct answer: C – Hurricane Andrew

September 2008

The correct answer: Two pilots: MSgt Tom Rafferty & MSgt George Holmes

October 2008

The correct answer: F-102 “Delta Dagger”

Trivia Answers for 2007

January 2007

In January of what year did Lackland become a closed base?

A. 1952 B. 1963 C. 1973 D. 1981

The correct answer is C: 1973

Lackland became a closed base with security guards posted at vehicular entry points on 2 January 1973. Up until this point, the base was considered closed to the general public on weekends on a security police program that began in November 1971. However, large sections of the base remained unfenced, which made entry on foot possible. The fence line was not completed until late 1973. Lackland was the last San Antonio Air Force Base to close up to the general public, Randolph, Brooks and Kelly AFBs had been closed to the general public for a number of years. Those people without Department of Defense decals on their vehicles had to obtain proper passes to enter the base.

February 2007

In February of what year did Lackland reduce Basic Training to a matter of just days?

A. 1918 B. 1942 C. 1951 D. 1960

The correct answer is C: 1951

The Start of the Korean War in June 1950 played havoc with enlisted training at Lackland. The large influx of recruits that flooded the base caused a back log in instruction that caused training officials to scale back the length of BMT. However, this trend continued into early 1951 as more recruits showed up at the front gates to the point where basic training was reduced to the point of ‘inoculating civilians’ and sending them to either technical training or on-the-job training.

March 2007

What celebrity did not train at Lackland AFB?

A. Carey Grant B. Sinbad C. Chuck Norris D. Tom Skerritt

The correct answer is A: Carey Grant

Sinbad was a Boom Operator aboard a KC-135. He was also a member of the Air Force entertainment group: Tops in Blue! Chuck Norris joined the United States Air Force in 1958 as an Air Policeman and was sent to Osan Air Base, South Korea. Emmy award winner Tom Skerritt graduated February 1952 from 3701 BMT Flight 120. That leaves the odd man out, Carey Grant. Born in England in 1904, he joined a comedy tour at the age of 14, continued into a very successful movie career and never looked back.

April 2007

What Air Force Base in San Antonio was named after a native of the city?

A. Lackland AFB B. Brooks AFB C. Kelly AFB D. Randolph AFB

The correct answer is B: Brooks AFB

Sidney J. Brooks was among the first Aviation Cadets training at Kelly Field in 1917 who volunteered for service after the entry of the US into World War I. He joined the Army and went to officers training camp at Camp Funston, Leon Springs, Texas. There he volunteered for military aviator training. Upon passing the physical tests, he was transferred to the ground school at the University of Texas in Austin. Cadet Brooks completed ground school with the highest honors in the first class sent to the school. From there, he was transferred to Kelly Field for flying training. Cadet Brooks was killed on 13 November 1917 when his Curtiss JN-4 crashed as he attempted to land at Kelly Field.

May 2007

The correct answers: Dick Rutan & George Day

Both individuals were former 37th Tactical Fighter Wing Pilots shot down over Vietnam.

The first was captured, escaped, and captured again by the North Vietnamese and awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor after the war. The second made the first non-stop, un-refueled flight around the world.

Dick Rutan flew 325 combat missions in Vietnam under the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing. He was shot down and rescued in 1968 while on a mission over Vietnam. In 1981, he founded the Voyager Aircraft Company and flew his aircraft around the world. Read more at: <http://www.dickrutan.com/page3.html>

George Day was shot down in his F-100 over North Vietnam in August of 1967. During ejection, Day's body had slammed into the fuselage, breaking his arm and badly spraining one knee. Upon reaching the ground, Day was immediately captured and tortured for several days. After six days, he escaped his captors, but was recaptured a few weeks later. Day was taken to the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" POW camp, where he remained until after the war. On March 4, 1976, President Gerald Ford presented Day with the Medal of Honor. Read more about his story at: <http://www.medalofhonor.com/GeorgeDay.htm>

June 2007

The correct answer: C. Central Texas Aviation Command Depot and Replacement Center.

Before being named Lackland, the San Antonio Air Base had a number of designations:
Air Corp Replacement Center (Jun 42)
San Antonio District, Army Air Force Personnel Distribution Command (Jul 45)
Army Air Force Military Training Center (Feb 46)
Indoctrination Division, Air Training Command (Nov 46)
Lackland Air Force Base (Jul 47)

July 2007

The correct answer: C. Convair B-58 "Hustler"

The 37th Pursuit Group started off flying P-26 "Peashooters" and P-39 "Air Cobras" and then changed to P-40 "Warhawks" while stationed in the Panama Canal Zone from 1939 to 1943. The wing flew the F-4 "Phantom" while at George AFB, California in the 1980's and finally, the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing was responsible for bringing the F-117 "Nighthawk" to operational status in 1989. The Convair B-58 "Hustler" never flew with the 37th emblem on its side!

August 2007

The correct answer: B. Kelly Field

Brigadier General Frank Lackland spent six tours of duty in San Antonio; he came to Kelly in 1922 in command of Duncan Field and again in 1934 as the commander of Brooks Field. In 1938 he moved over to Kelly Field taking over the Air Corps Advanced Flying School.

September 2007

The correct answer: 21,765

A week after Lackland AFB was named, 21,765 base personnel formed the Army Air Force insignia for the famous San Antonio photographer, E. O. Goldbeck on 19 July, 1947. This proved a monumental effort that took the photographer more than six weeks to plan and execute.

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October 2007

The correct answer: C Pickles

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November 2007

The correct answer: B. Lowry AFB, CO

Unbeknownst to most, basic military training has occurred in a number of locations around the United States and the world! Both Parks and Sampson Air Force Bases were former naval installations that the Air Force acquired to conduct basic training due to the overcrowded conditions at Lackland from the Korean War. Sheppard AFB was used as a basic military indoctrination center twice, once in 1948 and again during the Korean War. Lowry AFB in Denver, Colorado was used, primarily, as a technical training base, but it was the temporary home of the USAF Academy in 1955.

December 2007

The correct answer: D. OPERATION JUST CAUSE

In September 1989, Headquarters, Tactical Air Command ordered the 37th Fighter Wing to move, without personnel and equipment to Tonopah Test Range, Nevada to take up the

F-117A Stealth Fighter mission. The first big test for the wing with the worlds newest fighter aircraft came with mission to oust Panamanian strong man, President Manuel Noriega.

Of interest, the 37th Wing was originally constituted as the 37th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) on 22 December 1939 at Albrook Field, Panama!